

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows.

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following new paragraph:

The present application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/821,811, filed March 30, 2001 the entire contents of which is hereby incorporated by reference (allowed).

Delete the paragraph on page 22, spanning lines 11-13 and insert the following:

C) Effect of Thapsigargin concentration on β -lactamase synthesis. NFAT- β -lactamase Jurkat cells were stimulated for 4hrs with various Thapsigargin concentration in DME medium.

Delete the paragraph on page 23, spanning lines 1-6 and insert the following therefore:

Fig. 6. Effect of DMSO on various cell types and promoters. DMSO 3% were added to wells containing CMV- β -lactamase Jurkat (O) and NFAT- β -lactamase Jurkat (\diamond) stimulated with TG 1 μ M, and CRE- β -lactamase HEK cells stimulated with forskolin 10 μ M (\bullet). Results are expressed as the ratio of activities of each cell line without and with DMSO.

Insert the attached Sequence Listing after the claims pages.